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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I am not acquainted with all the things that my hon. Friend mentions."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"Is the hon. Minister aware that in England itself all the leading cities are going in for continental articles because they are cheaper?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I am not aware of that."

List of approved firms for purchasing electrical machinery.

* 169 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have got a list of firms from whom only electrical machinery and plants should be purchased by local bodies; and

(b) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay the same before the Council?

A.—(a) & (b) There is no such list.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"Are there any firms which can supply these things?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Notice."

Orders given to non-British firms for electrical plants.

* 170 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of non-British firms that have received large orders for electrical plants from the municipalities in this presidency prior to April 1929;

(b) the amount of the order in each case together with the nationality of the firm?

A.—The Government have no information.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Administration of endowments by Tanjore Rajas.

* 171 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 2004 answered on 27th March 1929 regarding the administration of endowments by Tanjore Rajas—

(a) whether the information called for has been received; and

(b) whether the same will be placed on the table of this House?

A.—(a) & (b) Yes.[a]

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—"Sir, in the letter from the Tanjore District Board President we find that over Rs. 52,000 has been spent on education out of chatram funds and nearly Rs. 30,000 spent on hospitals. Have the Government obtained legal advice as to whether such diversion of funds from the intention of the original donors is legal?"

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 432–434 infra.